

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A brokering facility for recording and outputting
2 tender information via a voice communication network, the
3 brokering facility comprising:
4 recording means for recording, under voice menu control,
5 tender information from tenderers calling via the voice
6 communication network;
7 a database for storing recorded tender information;
8 requesting means for parties calling via the voice
9 communication network to request, under voice menu control,
10 tender information stored in the database, the tender
11 information being available to various parties; and
12 outputting means for outputting the requested tender
13 information to a requesting party.

1 2. The brokering facility of claim 1, comprising:
2 a voice menu control device for requesting, under voice
3 menu control, control information from a tenderer and/or a
4 party calling via the voice communication network.

1 3. The brokering facility of claim 2, wherein the
2 recording means and/or the requesting means comprises
3 selecting means for selecting an item of tender information

4 based on an item of selection information contained in
5 requested control information.

1 4. The brokering facility of claim 2 or 3, wherein the
2 tender information comprises different tender categories in
3 the database, and wherein the recording means and/or the
4 requesting means comprise selecting means for selecting a
5 tender category based on selection information contained in
6 requested control information.

1 5. The brokering facility of claim 1 further
2 comprising:

3 means for detecting a location of a caller and for
4 controlling the brokering facility based on of a detected
5 location of the caller.

1 6. The brokering facility of claim 5, wherein the
2 recording means records, under voice menu control, tender
3 information from a tenderer based on a detected location of
4 the tenderer.

1 7. The brokering facility of claim 5 or 6, wherein the
2 requesting means requests, under voice menu control, tender
3 information based on a detected location of the interested
4 party.

1 8. The brokering facility of claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 authentication means for verifying an item of
4 authentication information that is entered by a calling
5 tenderer and for granting access authorization to the tenderer
6 if the authentication information is verified.

1 9. The brokering facility of claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 detecting means for detecting connection identification
4 information from callers, and a database in which an item of
5 connection identification information from a caller has an
6 associated individual item of user profile information.

1 10. The brokering facility of claim 9, wherein the
2 recording means records, under voice menu control, tender
3 information based on stored user profile information
4 associated with a detected item of connection identification
5 information from a tenderer.

1 11. The brokering facility of claim 9 or 10, wherein the
2 requesting means requests, under voice menu control, tender
3 information on the basis of stored user profile information
4 associated with a detected item of connection identification
5 information from a party.

1 12. The brokering facility of claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 a switching device for setting up a connection between a
4 party and a tenderer of an item of tender information selected
5 by the party.

1 13. The brokering facility of claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 logging means for logging access operations to tender
4 information from a tenderer and for outputting logged access
5 information to the tenderer.

1 14. The brokering facility of claim 1, further
2 comprising:

3 bydebiting means for detecting access operations to the
4 brokering facility and for debiting charges for individual
5 tenderers and/or interested parties based on detected access
6 operation

1 15. A brokering system comprising:

2 a plurality of brokering facilities according to claim 1,
3 each brokering facility further comprising:

4 means for detecting a location of a caller; and
5 a switching device for setting up a connection
6 between the caller and a one of the brokering facilities
7 that detects the location of the caller.